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## THREE CHEERS FOR THE WHITE CRUSADERS

Young toymakers for whom only the best is good enough

Four hundred "good Samaritans" whose ages range from eleven to 18, are already busy at work for their rôle of Father Christmas at the end of the year. They are members of the White Crusaders, a boys' movement which has for its motto *Only the Best is Good Enough*, and since its beginning in 1941 has made and distributed more than 100,000 toys.

THIS operation of Christian endeavour, writes C.N. correspondent Edward Lanchbery, was born out of tragedy. At the time of Dunkirk a soldier died in the arms of Clifford Tillett.

"What moved me," said Tillett, "was the fact that it was not himself or his wounds that he was bothering about, but his children. How were they going to get their Christmas presents if he wasn't there?"

A few hours afterwards Clifford Tillett himself was wounded, and subsequently invalided out of the Army. The memory of that soldier stayed with him, and on return to civilian life he set about doing what he could to fill the gap at Christmas, where the absence of a father might mean that a child went without a toy.

### IDLE HANDS CLUB

He found his first helpers among the boys who hung aimlessly about in the streets of a London suburb. He made his house a club for them, showed them how to use their hands, taught them carpentry and metalwork. But the toys they produced, it was understood in advance, were not for themselves and not for sale. They were to be distributed at Christmas to orphan children in even needier circumstances than their own. A start had been made.

Before there was time for the movement to become properly established, it suffered two severe blows. The premises were bombed, and the Skipper, as Clifford Tillett was now called, moved out of the district. He had been waiting hopefully for a job as pro-

bation officer, but failed the medical examination because of his war injury.

Instead he became warden of an agricultural college at Thame, Oxon. Here he began again, although to his delight he found that eight boys were keeping alive the work he had started in London.

A small advertisement in the local newspaper, inviting boys who did not already belong to any youth organisation, produced a nucleus of 36. Clifford Tillett rented part of a disused isolation hospital, which the boys repaired and redecorated to form their headquarters, and the White Crusaders—white for purity, and crusaders because the work was a crusade—came officially into existence.

Those boys who could afford it, paid a membership subscription of threepence a week towards the materials they needed for making toys for others.

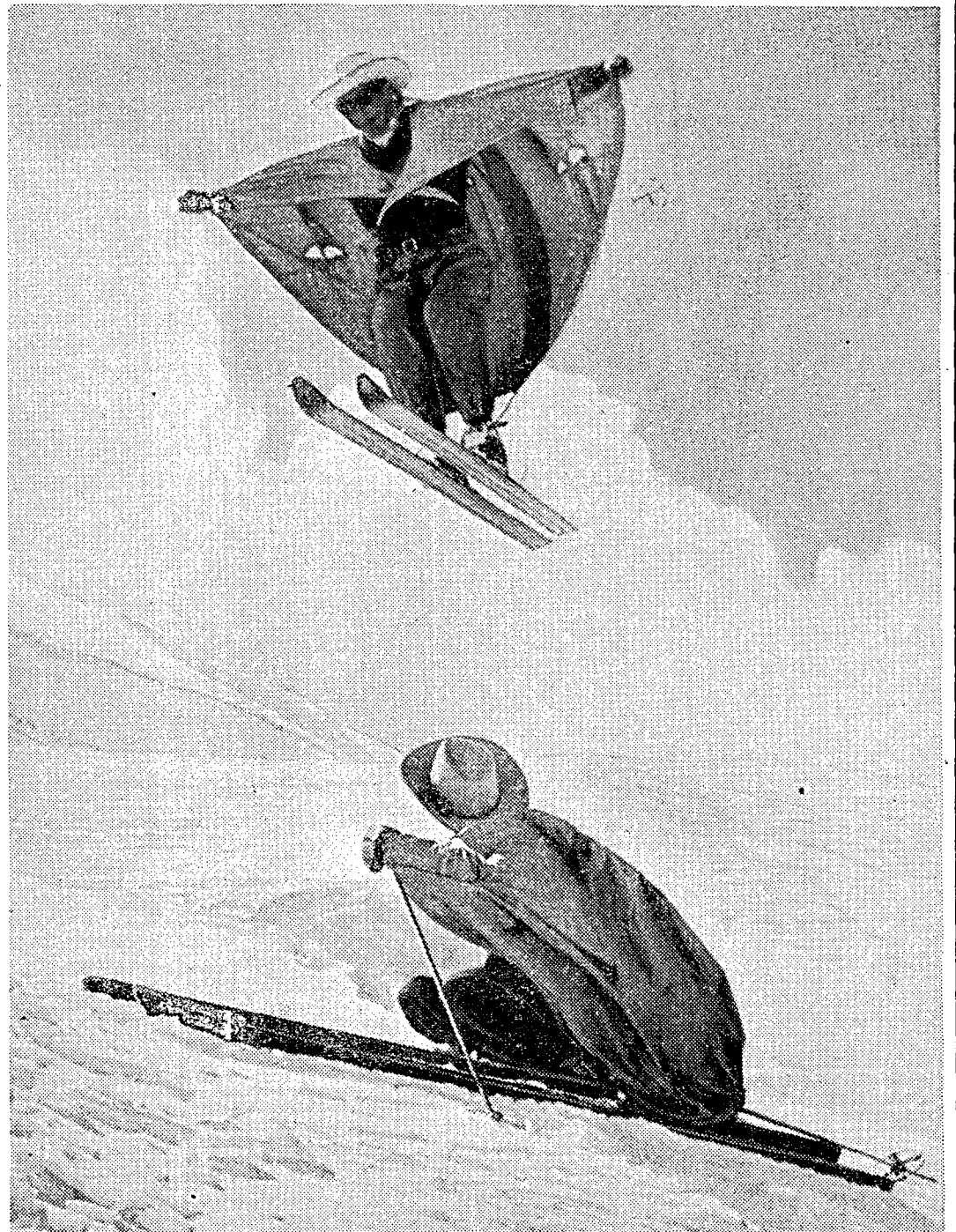
### SPUR TO INITIATIVE

If wartime shortages and restrictions proved a considerable handicap, they also provided a spur to initiative. The bare supplies the boys could buy were augmented by bits of timber and left-overs of paint from a friendly builder. Beyond that they improvised, even to the extent of mixing sawdust with glue to provide material for making jigsaw puzzles.

Skipper Tillett is something of a travelling evangelist. He believes in the parable of the Sower. A lot of seed will fall on stony ground, but some will take root, and that is what counts.

With the movement flourishing in Thame, he was happy to hand over the leadership to one of the boys and look elsewhere. This time it was in Sunderland that he settled.

The White Crusaders' policy is to provide toys for children who would otherwise go without. At Christmas, as Skipper Tillett knew from previous welfare ex-



## He sails through the air

Leo Gasperl, a former Austrian ski champion, shows off a new way to fly. It is called ski-sailing. His "wings" are a mantle made of the finest parachute silk, and he "flies" by getting up speed on a slope—and then just taking off. He says it is easy.

## MYSTERY OF THE MYRTLE WARBLER

Any bird which manages to find its way across the Atlantic from America to this country deserves to be noticed. And a myrtle warbler which has arrived in a garden at Newton St. Cyres, near Exeter, has attracted plenty of attention.

He was soon spotted by David Cook, who is secretary of the Exeter School Natural History Society. But David could not identify the bird, which has a yellow rump, a yellow streak on the

head, and yellow plumage beneath the wings. The Recorder of the Devon Bird-watching and Preservation Society, was also baffled, until he had consulted the records at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter.

Normally the bird spends the winter in Mexico and the southern United States. But it seems quite at home in Devon, and has scared away all its rivals from the bird-table, including bullfinches, chaffinches, and sparrows.



White Crusaders at work making toys

perience, the well-known orphanages and charity organisations receive a glut of gifts.

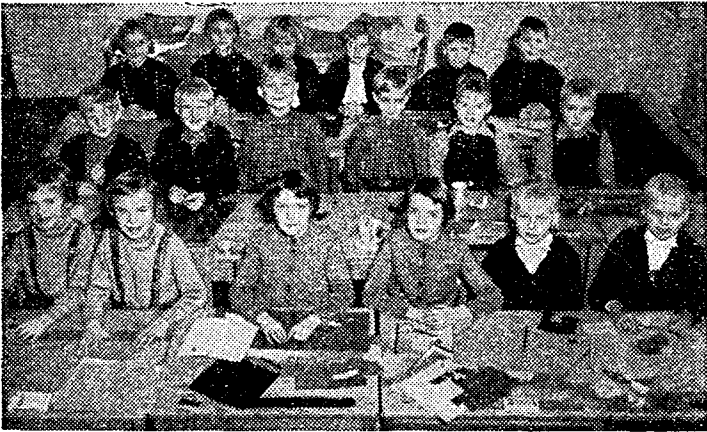
It is therefore the small, lesser-known homes which are inclined to be overlooked, and the needy households, that the White Crusaders concentrate upon supplying. Addresses are obtained from welfare workers, education authorities, police, and probation officers.

One of the saddest things is hearing afterwards of children who have been missed because the White Crusaders have not known about them. This happened in Sunderland, with the result that the White Crusaders made an undertaking, publicised in the local papers, that if they were given the addresses not one child in the town would be without a toy.

An avalanche of addresses

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### Trying it on the twins

These nine pairs of Swedish twins at a Stockholm school are "guinea-pigs" in an educational experiment to test different methods of teaching by ear and eye.

## PAMELA'S SUCCESS STORY

Pamela Russell's name has become familiar to millions on T.V. but not everyone who listens to Pamela reading poetry every month in *Quite Contrary* knows the story behind her success.

Two years ago, when she was 24, Pamela had a riding accident which has crippled her for life. She will never walk again.

All her plans for a stage career had been abandoned when Wilfred Pickles asked her if she would like to take part in *Have a Go*. Pamela agreed and a few days later she had a letter from T.V. producer Richard Afton. He had heard Pamela's broadcast, and he

was so impressed by her story and her charming voice that he wanted her to appear in his programme, *Quite Contrary*.

"I had never been up for more than three hours on the day I went to Lime Grove," says Pamela, "and by the time the evening came I was completely exhausted. Luckily I knew my poems absolutely so I wasn't worried about forgetting my lines. The thing that really spurred me on was the knowledge that all my fellow patients would be watching me and I knew that they would be disappointed if I gave a bad performance."

## THE WHITE CRUSADERS

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poured in, not only in Sunderland but throughout County Durham; and that Christmas of 1951 the White Crusaders distributed toys to 9000 Durham homes.

Forts, vehicles, working models, toy soldiers, and jigsaw puzzles are among the toys that the White Crusaders make! Two boys, Eddy Best and Johnny Downey, who were among the earliest members, have made over 15,000 puzzles.

One puzzle must be the largest in the world. At the time of the Coronation, Eddy Best was on a visit from Sunderland to Skipper Tillet who had moved back to London to start another branch in the Kensington district. They saw a huge coloured poster, seven feet by ten feet, of her Majesty the Queen.

"That would make a nice jigsaw," said Eddy Best.

### TOO BIG TO GIVE AWAY

A print of the poster was obtained, and the plywood, which alone cost £10, purchased. From seven a.m. to eleven p.m. Eddy Best, helped by Skipper Tillet, worked on the puzzle. They finished it in the one day: 70 square feet containing over 10,000 pieces, each fully interlocking. It needed a furniture van to take it to the Central Hall, Westminster, where it was placed on exhibition.

That was an exception, of course, and the problem arose of what to do with the puzzle afterwards. It was far too big to be given to anyone as a present. In this case, therefore, a bid from a private buyer of £25 was accepted

to provide funds for more tools and materials.

With the new branch started in Kensington, the problem of finding sufficient equipment to keep busy all the boys who wanted to help was becoming a very real one. But just as friendly firms had helped during the war with off-cuts and paint, so now Wolf Electric Tools, Ltd. heard of the boys' work and stepped in with the gift of a fretwork kit.

### PROBLEM BOYS

Most of the White Crusaders come from poorer homes. None has previously been a member of the main youth movements. Sometimes there have been problem boys, even boys who have escaped penalty in the juvenile courts on the undertaking to join the White Crusaders.

It is these, the "tough" cases, whose circumstances, of course, have been known to no one else but himself, that have made Skipper Tillet particularly proud.

"First," said Skipper Tillet, "the boy is surprised that he has been able to make a toy. He doesn't realise he has had it in him. As his skill develops so his pride in achievement grows. And the final factor is that he is doing something for somebody else. He is learning the joy of giving, and discovering that he is not the nuisance that people may have tried to make out, but is a useful member of the community."

The words of a dying soldier on a Dunkirk battlefield 15 years ago are proving a blessing in more ways than one.

## PARLIAMENT LIKES ITS OLD CUSTOMS

By the C.N. Press Gallery Correspondent

The British are a "sober people," as King Charles I observed, and conservative in outlook. In no matter are they more conservative than in their "conservation" of Parliamentary forms.

Although Britain must move with the times there is much to be said for keeping to well-tried traditions which help to remind us of the hard process by which Parliament won its long, long struggle to control the nation's spending.

With peers and M.P.s back at work after the Christmas recess we shall see the Commons standing on their ancient rights to debate how our money is to be spent. This applies especially now to the estimates for Defence.

The Lords, by the Parliament Act of 1911, cannot prevent a "money bill"—that is, a bill dealing with public expenditure or revenue—from passing into law.

This veto (or power to forbid) upon their powers arose from the Budget of 1909.

Several reforms, such as a national insurance system, were proposed in this celebrated "people's Budget." By present standards these were mild indeed; but they were sufficient to arouse the Conservative peers to an attack on their Liberal opponents, and the Lords "threw out" the Budget.

This constitutional struggle (which repeated itself in a less violent form in the "reforming" Parliament of 1945-50) was settled only after King George V agreed to alter the balance in the House of Lords by creating sufficient Liberal peers to outnumber, and so outvote, the Conservative peers.

Most points of Parliamentary procedure have their roots in commonsense compromises between the parties of the past and have been well tested by experience.

But there are more picturesque forms of procedure which, because they can be of almost daily occurrence, are sometimes overlooked. A division, for instance, is always a remarkable event to people who see it for the first time.

"Clear the lobby!" cries the Speaker when he cannot get the House to agree unanimously. The "Ayes" (or "those in favour") file into a corridor running along the outside of the chamber to the Speaker's right, and the "Noes" into a similar corridor on the left.

If a Member wishes to dispute a point while the House is dividing he must put on a hat and, sitting down, address the Speaker. In the Victorian Parliaments everyone wore a tall top hat, which he left on his seat when he went to vote.

Thus a Member wishing to speak during a division could make himself easily noticed by wearing a hat and sitting down, as all other Members were bare-headed and standing up.

This is just one example of an old custom which seems, at first sight, merely "picturesque"; but is really quite practical and useful.

## News from Everywhere

### PREMIER'S THANKS

Sir Winston Churchill has written to Arthur Mbogo, a Kikuyu farmer, who sent him 80 eggs on his 80th birthday. Mbogo has had the letter framed.

Miss Elizabeth Newton of Hexham lifted a hundredweight sack of grain on to her shoulders just to prove that, at 75, there is no reason why she should retire and not continue to be Northumberland's oldest woman warehouse worker.

A craftsman of Tortona, Northern Italy, claims to have built the world's smallest violin—less than two inches long.

### SAVE, SAVE, SAVE

The Town Crier at Callington, Cornwall, will cry a National Savings message every Saturday until the end of the New Savers campaign on March 31.

Half a million electric washing machines were sold in Britain last year. This compares with only 93,000 in 1948.

Over 100,000 invitations to attend the British Industries Fair of 1955 at London and Birmingham have been sent to countries all over the world.

### PROUD RECORD

Mr. A. E. Matthews, the 85-year-old actor, recently missed a performance for the first time in 70 years.

### BOOKS FOR TRISTAN

All readers of the C.N. who, following a recent appeal, sent books to Tristan da Cunha, will be delighted to know that as a result of their kindness the lonely island now has a good supply of suitable literature for the first time in its history.

Millions of bramblings, the mountain finches, have been invading Denmark from Norway and Sweden. At times their flocks have darkened the sky above Zealand.

### YOUNG CHAMPION

Eleven-year-old Manfred Schnellendorfer of Munich is the new figure skating champion of Western Germany.

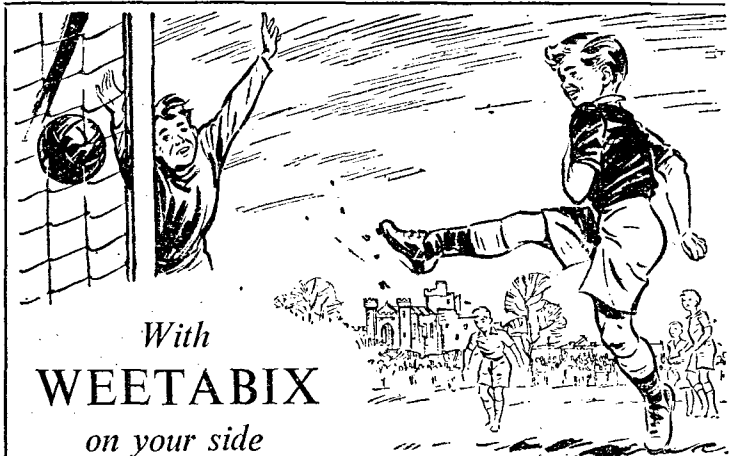
An unpiloted aeroplane broke away from its moorings during a gale near Salzburg, Michigan, took off, and landed almost undamaged a mile and a half away.

### NEW BANANAS

Several new kinds of bananas have been found in New Guinea. Experts are sending the seeds to the West Indies.

The population of England and Wales is estimated to have increased by half a million since the 1951 census.

A rose-coloured pastor, a bird from Russia, was spotted in Kent recently. It was the first seen in Britain for 75 years.



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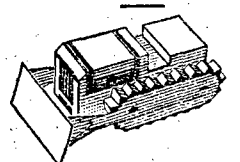
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### Imperial

This eagle at the London Zoo seems fully aware of his family's distinction as the symbol of imperial majesty and power.

### EASTERN ART IN LONDON

Some 500 paintings and drawings by schoolchildren of India, Pakistan, and Ceylon are on view at the Imperial Institute Art Gallery, South Kensington. They are the work of children of all ages, the biggest exhibit, a water-colour more than 20 feet long, being by a group of nine-year-olds in Ceylon.

The exhibition will be open until February 10, from 10 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. on weekdays, and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

### 80 YEARS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. John Adcock of Barnsley, are believed to be the oldest couple in Britain. They have been happily married for 80 years. Mr. Adcock is 99, his wife is 100 and can still thread a needle and read the newspapers without spectacles.



"Don't be afraid, he won't bite!"

The young man in spectacles seems rather dubious about touching the skeleton of a horse, after a lecture at the Royal Veterinary College in London. Yet, after all, a skeleton is what we are all built up from.

### ROCKET MAIL

Mail by missile is possible, said Mr. John Redding, former Assistant Postmaster-General of the United States, when he spoke to the annual meeting of the Parcel Post Association. He said that the postmen of tomorrow may put a letter in a guided missile in New York and zoom it to Liverpool in a few hours.

He stated they were on the verge of tremendous advances in the transport of mail, and went on: "It is now possible—and I violate no security in making this statement—to use the guided missile for the transportation of light mails over tremendous distances."

"Such a missile could be guided half-way across the Atlantic from a base in this country, have control taken over by radio on the receiving end, and be safely and securely landed in Europe with mails only three or four hours old out of the United States."

But, as Mr. Redding pointed out, the cost of using the rocket mail is far too high at present.

### MODEL STEEL WORKS AT MUSEUM

The Science Museum, South Kensington, has a new working model of a complete steel works. It shows every stage of steel making from the unloading of the raw materials to the finished product.

Other equipment includes a power station, repair shop, and half a mile of railway track, complete with 20 locomotives and 1500 pieces of rolling stock. The model will be explained and demonstrated at frequent intervals.

### TV SET HANGING ON THE WALL

According to top radio experts, the TV set of the future will be much slimmer. By using miniature components and special wiring it should be possible to build a set which could hang from the wall like a picture. Controls would then be in a separate box which could rest beside an armchair. Of course, your "picture set" of the future would operate in full colour.

### Small designer—big production

This is Andrew Blunden of Balwyn, Victoria. We have already told in CN how this eight-year-old Australian boy won first prize in the Junior Section of a Textile Design Contest. Now comes news that his fabric design is also being printed in England and America by manufacturers. As well as receiving a prize of £25, Andrew will get royalties on every yard of material sold.



### COCOA AND STAMPS

When Mr. Paul Redmayne, advertising manager of Cadbury Brothers, Ltd., received some letters from the Gold Coast recently he was surprised to find familiar pictures on two of the stamps, one a 6d., and the other the 5s. shown here. Both were miniatures of photographs he had taken himself.

Behind these two small stamps lies the story of the great cocoa harvest of the Gold Coast, which produces nearly half of the world's supply. The 6d. stamp shows a



farmer gathering the cocoa pods from the trees, and the 5s. stamp depicts surf boats fighting their way through heavy seas to take the cocoa to cargo boats.

"I remember taking this picture," said Mr. Redmayne, "just before a most exciting experience in a surf boat when we were completely swamped by a big wave and both I and my camera were drenched."

This picturesque and hazardous way of loading cocoa will gradually cease, for the new harbour at Tema will make direct loading possible.

### £10 SCHOOL

An article by Mr. Levi Fox in the latest publication of the Birmingham Archaeological Society tells of a school built in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1427 for £10 5s. 3½d. The building is still there, known now as the Pedagogue's House.

Among the items which went to make up this figure were: 45s. for timber, 17s. 9d. for the master carpenter, 2s. 6d. for earth and clay for flooring, 25s. 8d. for 3500 roofing tiles, and wages for other men engaged on building, 15s. 6d.

### LUCKY DIP

A 12-year-old Swedish girl, Elvy Heidenholm, was cooking oysters for her father's dinner the other day. When she went to strain them off she found 18 pearls at the bottom of the saucepan.

### SAFE DEPOSIT

The thrilling story of how a great bank grew out of a cave deposit for valuables is told in an article on Nottingham Castle in the January issue of the Municipal Review.

The writer, Mr. G. Bernard Wood, says that in the reign of Charles I a certain Thomas Smith hid his valuables in a two-storey cave underneath his Nottingham shop. As this became increasingly known, men came from the district around to stow their money in the cave in return for the payment of a small fee. Some came from as far away as Hull.

This was the beginning of Smith's Bank, which was later incorporated into the National Provincial Bank.

There are many caves under Nottingham, and they were once the dwelling-places of wild tribes.

### WORLD'S BIGGEST TAPESTRY

Mr. Graham Sutherland is designing a tapestry for Coventry Cathedral. A backcloth for the High Altar, it will be the biggest tapestry in the world, 77½ feet high and 40 feet wide. The theme of the design will be that of the traditional altar cloth—our Lord with the calf, the lion, the eagle, and the man.

Owing to its great weight, three-quarters of a ton, it will be fixed all the way up like ivy.

The tapestry will be ready for the opening of the new Cathedral in 1960.

FEBRUARY

Cadbury Corner

A year's supply of Cadbury chocolate!

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Can you guess the names? Each of these 7 children is eating a different kind of Cadbury Filled Block. You have to guess the name of each Filled Block. For instance, it's clear from Tom's clue that his is a 'Turkish Delight' Filled Block. Write down the names of the children one under the other, and by each one, the name of his or her Filled Block. Add your name, age and address, and send your answers (together with any Cadbury chocolate label) in a sealed envelope (2½d. stamp) to 'FILLED BLOCK', CADBURY'S, Dept. 23, BOURNVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, by Feb. 28th. The senders of the first 50 correct entries marked on that date will get a supply of Cadbury's Chocolate every month for a whole year!

**TOM:** 'Mm, no wonder the Turks were delighted with it!'

**MARY:** 'Fill in the missing letters to find the answer—A—A—E—L—'

**JOHN:** 'I like fruit—that's why this one is my favourite.'

**DICK:** 'The name of my Filled Block begins with T.'

**JEAN:** 'The name of my Filled Block is made up from a hot powder and a herb.'

**ALICE:** 'My Filled Block is spelt the same way as Dick's, except that it starts with C.'

**BILL:** 'Just shuffle these letters about and you will soon get it—ZIPRMAN.'

Here are two more 'Secret Code' stamps. Cut them out and keep them in a safe place

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WATCH OUT next month for Cadbury Corner



## ZOO NEWS

## WARDING OFF WINTER

### Sea-lions play games and Wally the ocelot has an infra-red lamp

ALTHOUGH the Zoo is now in the grip of winter, many of its animals still contrive to enjoy life to the full. Among those finding a real zest in life are the polar bears and the sea-lions, especially the latter.

Whenever their pond freezes over, the sea-lions play winter sports of their own making. Having broken up the ice, they chase each other over and under the fragments. Another game they are very fond of is a form of tobogganing, in which the animals slide one after the other down a "run" into the pool.

#### VALUABLE BABY

In other sections of the menagerie many steps have been taken to guard the animals against the ills of winter. At the monkey house, for example, infra-red lamps were recently installed over the cages. They have proved so beneficial that it has been decided to use them in specified cages in other houses.

The latest cage to have a lamp installed contains Wally, the baby South American ocelot. Wally, who was born on September 30 last, is only the second of his kind to be bred in the Gardens in 94 years, and so he is a valuable youngster.

#### SEPARATED FROM MOTHER

"Wally is doing very well, but there are possible dangers ahead which we are most anxious to ward off," an official told me. "One of these is distemper, an ever-present menace to the life of all young cats. With infra-red irradiation we hope to get Wally safely over the danger stage without trouble."

At the moment, Wally lives in a cage by himself. Reason: his mother, Sheila, so frequently carried him around by the scruff of his neck that he got a sore patch where her teeth gripped him. So keepers are keeping her in another cage nearby. All being well, she may have her baby returned to her later.

The Zoo's homing budgerigars, hitherto kept in their newly-built aviary near the Three Island Pond,

are already beginning to get out and about. It was the authorities' intention to keep all these birds—over 90 in all—in their aviary until Spring. But two young birds, bred in the aviary a few months ago, have now found a way of getting out.

"They get out through a wire mesh funnel in the roof," Mr. John Yealland, curator of birds, tells me. "The funnel, seven inches long, is an inward-pointing contraption, with a three-inch opening at the upper end and a 1½-inch gap at the base. It was put there so that the budgerigars, when

#### Tea time



"Happy" the giraffe at the Whipsnade Zoo is very fond of his tea, and is not very particular about how he gets it.

they ultimately go out and about, could still manage to get back into the aviary, should any arrive home after the doors in the roof have been closed.

"Having found they could get through the funnel, these two youngsters are now making repeated expeditions into the Gardens. So far, none of the other birds in the aviary have tried to copy their example. But if they do, we shall not try to stop them. It may be that we shall, in fact, allow the whole flock to come and go as they please, months earlier than we had originally anticipated."

#### IN LINE FOR BREAKFAST

Incidentally, as I write, the two young budgies have found a friend in Mr. John A. Webb, the St. John Ambulance supervisor who runs the First-aid Post near the budgerigars' aviary.

In wintertime, when there are as a rule few visitors about in the early mornings, Mr. Webb feeds the numerous sparrows which flit around the Post. The birds line up for their breakfast on the breast-high railings outside the hut, and Mr. Webb passes slowly down the line, feeding each in turn.

The other day the sparrows were joined by the two budgies, who lined up on the rails beside them. Now the visit has become a daily event.

Craven Hill

## IT HAPPENED

## THIS WEEK

## EXECUTION OF KING CHARLES

JANUARY 30, 1649. LONDON—On a scaffold built before the Banqueting House in Whitehall, King Charles was executed today before a dense crowd of weeping, praying people.

All who witnessed this dread deed in the heart of London remarked upon the courage and dignity with which the 48-year-old king faced his end.

In the morning the king gave his beautifully engraved watch to Sir Thomas Herbert. Earlier he had entrusted to Sir Thomas his Bible, commanding him to give this beautiful book, bound in blue velvet, to his son Charles at the earliest opportunity.

As he mounted the scaffold he took off his Order of the Garter and solemnly handed it to Bishop Juxon.

The king's last word before the executioner's axe fell was "Remember."

Immediately after the execution the king's body was embalmed and taken to Windsor.

#### THEATRE ABLAZE

JANUARY 31, 1865. LONDON—Shortly before midnight last night fire broke out in The Surrey Theatre.

Flames leapt from one tier of boxes to another. Within 20 minutes the structure was a blazing shell, and the fierce blaze lit up the sky over half London.

By the heroic efforts of the stage manager and leading male performers children in the pantomime cast were rescued. Scantily clad in stage costumes, grimed by smoke, they huddled outside the theatre until given shelter by neighbouring householders. Despite the tremendous blaze no lives were lost.

#### M.P. AGAIN EXPELLED

FEBRUARY 4, 1769. WESTMINSTER—Mr. John Wilkes, M.P. (Middlesex), who is at present serving a 22-month prison sentence, was today expelled for a second time from the House of Commons.

Mr. Wilkes, who fights for greater freedom both for electors and the Press, again incurred the



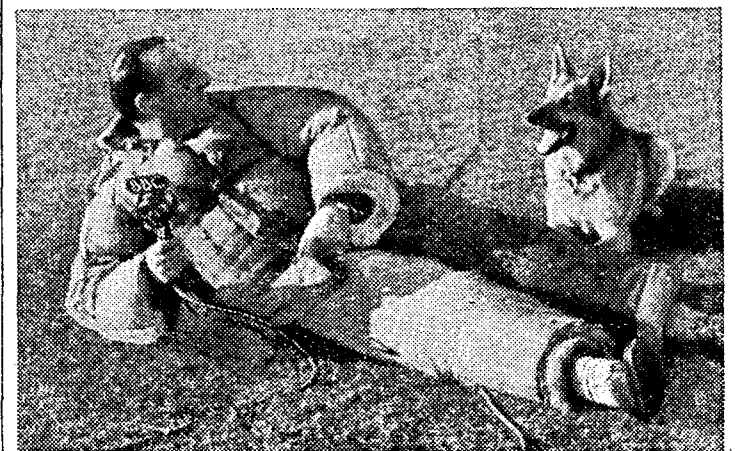
wrath of both Houses following an article written from his cell and published in St. James's Chronicle in December last. His present prison sentence and first expulsion from the House, five years ago, arise from charges concerning two earlier publications.

(After this second expulsion of Mr. Wilkes from Parliament the electors of Middlesex returned Wilkes to Parliament four times, and four times his election was declared void. But in 1782 all Orders against his election were expunged from the records of the House of Commons.)

## RADIO AND TV

## ADVENTURES UNLIMITED

### Brian Johnston back with more thrills



Brian Johnston comments on an attack from a police dog, who appears to be very interested in what is being said about him

If you listened to In Town Tonight two years ago you will remember Brian Johnston's weekly escapades under the title Let's Go Somewhere. He would do anything for a thrill, from braving attacks by trained police dogs to being fired out of a cannon at a circus, always with a microphone

in his hand to pass on his experiences to listeners.

I have the good news that Brian Johnston is coming back this month with more adventures in a weekly Light Programme spot of his own. What they will be must remain secret. He believes the essence of success is surprise.

#### Seen 1000 times

ERIC ROBINSON, conductor of the Television Orchestra, is looking forward to conducting his 1000th performance in the BBC television service in the near future. "I wouldn't miss it for worlds," he says.

His association with TV began before the war, when he played second violin in the TV orchestra at Alexandra Palace.

#### Brass band encore

ONE of the most exciting musical contests in radio was the one last year for new brass band compositions. In the finals, which were broadcast, listeners heard the best pieces being played before a jury of experts and ordinary music lovers, and the issue was in doubt until the last moment.

The feature was so successful that it is now to become an annual



event. This year the BBC offers prizes of £50, £20, and £10 in the hope of discovering someone like the great American brass band composer Sousa, whose military marches are famous.

Jimmy Edwards will compère the finals in July. Besides being a comedian, Jimmy is a serious student of brass band music, as he showed in a recent Younger Generation programme.

#### Sooty is promoted

HARRY CORBETT and Sooty are being promoted on Friday from Children's TV to a place in the evening programme. The broadcast comes from Manchester, where Sooty first faced the cameras three years ago at the Northern Radio Show.

Sooty has completely altered his master's career. Harry Corbett was an engineer for nearly 20 years, but when he found it difficult to keep television dates he gave up his job and now devotes all his time to Sooty's career.

#### Dogs on show

It will be a doggy weekend in TV, with two visits to the biggest Crufts Dog Show on record—6128 dogs of 110 breeds.

Under their skin, or hair, dogs of different breeds are surprisingly alike, a point which commentator Macdonald Daly will emphasise in the first TV broadcast, on Friday. On Saturday night viewers will share the excitement of the final selection for "Best of the Show."

#### Countryside detectives

ANY boy or girl can learn to be an animal detective by watching Children's TV on Friday evening. In Tracks and Signs, young viewers will be shown how all sorts of interesting clues can be picked up in a stroll through the countryside.

That half-eaten nut—was it thrown away by a squirrel or a field-mouse? The fur on the fence—did a fox or a badger brush past? The track through the snow—starling or thrush?

Maxwell Knight and Frank Sawyer will be the detectives. Later in the programme it will be their turn to learn from two young farmers who will show how you can already spot signs of Spring in the wintry landscape.

Ernest Thomson

#### It's called a Kusimanse



This friendly but rather sad-looking little animal is a Kusimanse, which recently arrived at the London Zoo from Sierra Leone. It is a kind of Mongoose.



The Children's Newspaper, February 5, 1955

# ON THE ROYAL ROUTE

## 1. Trinidad and Tobago

The first of four articles giving some impressions of the islands and people Princess Margaret will see during her tour of the West Indies.

TRINIDAD, the first island the Princess is visiting, will be a wonderful opening to her sunshine tour; nowhere else in the world could she meet a more varied and colourful people.

As in all the West Indian islands, most of Trinidad's popula-

In the capital, Port of Spain, besides Africans, Indians, and people of English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese descent, there are also a number of Chinese. The men staff many of the banks and the girls are the island's best dressmakers.

At the garden party to be held at Government House there will be several "Queens" of Trinidad eager to greet our Princess. For every year they crown a Queen at Trinidad's famous carnival.

Held in February, this is the happiest carnival you could imagine, and the people start preparing for it in the previous September. The men make their own headdresses, elaborate affairs sometimes containing hundreds of feathers and thousands of beads.

The streets for four whole days become a whirling mass of gay humanity with pirates, robbers, dragons, ballerinas, and characters from history and story book.

As a climax to the carnival they choose a Calypso King. For those most lively modern folk songs originated in Trinidad. The Calypso singers practise for weeks, and the fun of their songs is in the long complicated rhymes, and also in their great topicality.

Trinidad is also the home of steel bands. Many of us heard these for the first time at the Festival of Britain and it is amaz-

ing how much tone Trinidad folk can get out of old petrol tins cut in half. The melody "pans" are tuned to as many as 32 notes, and though most suited to rhythm numbers, they can play a Strauss waltz or a Liszt rhapsody.

Trinidad, however, is not just a playtime island. It is, in fact, the most prosperous of the British West Indies, chiefly because of the oil wells and refineries, which account for 77 per cent of the exports.

In the oil well area, in the south of the island, is the famous Pitch Lake, where Sir Walter Raleigh caulked his ships in 1595. Five million tons of asphalt have been taken from it in the last 50 years.

To cope with a rapidly expanding population in an island of 1864 square miles—about the size of Lancashire—Trinidad has instituted a policy to encourage pioneer industries. Duty-free equipment importation, as well as tax concessions, have led to new projects ranging from textiles to typewriters.

On Saturday, February 5, Princess Margaret will fly to Tobago,

there to spend a few hours before boarding the Royal Yacht and sailing to the Windward Isles.

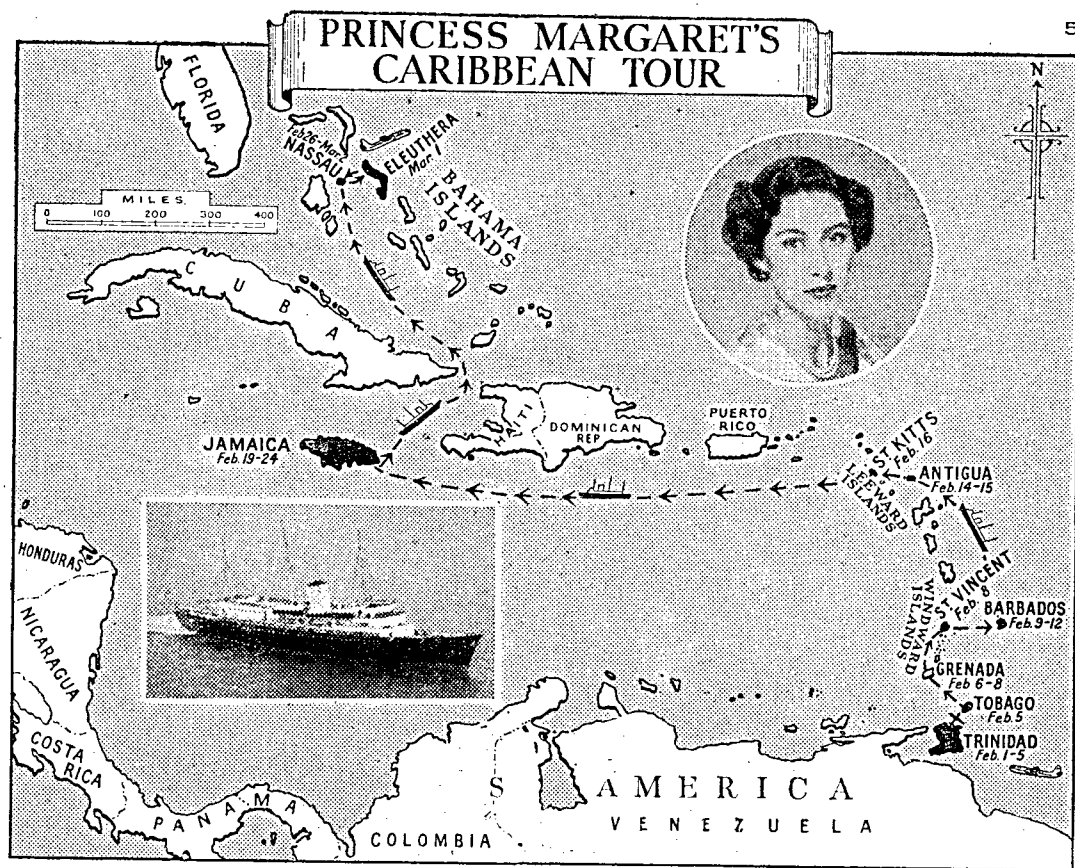
TOBAGO is a small dependency of Trinidad, just 20 flying minutes away; and as in Trinidad you also find most of the Latin American flora, animal, and plant life. Amazon parrots and many kinds of humming birds are common in Tobago.

Off the south-west shore of Tobago is the wonderful Buccoo reef. You chug in a little outboard motor-boat over turquoise shallows, and drop anchor a mile

from the shore. At low tide the water is less than three feet deep on the coral reef, and like a warm bath.

Putting a glass mask over your eyes, you step down into a natural aquarium, full of hundreds of brightly coloured fish swimming through miniature groves of coral and sea fans. There are parrot fish with funny faces and green and scarlet spots, black widows striped with peacock blue, and tiny silver and black angel fish with wing-like fins.

(All the photographs on this page were taken by Miss Anne Bolt.)

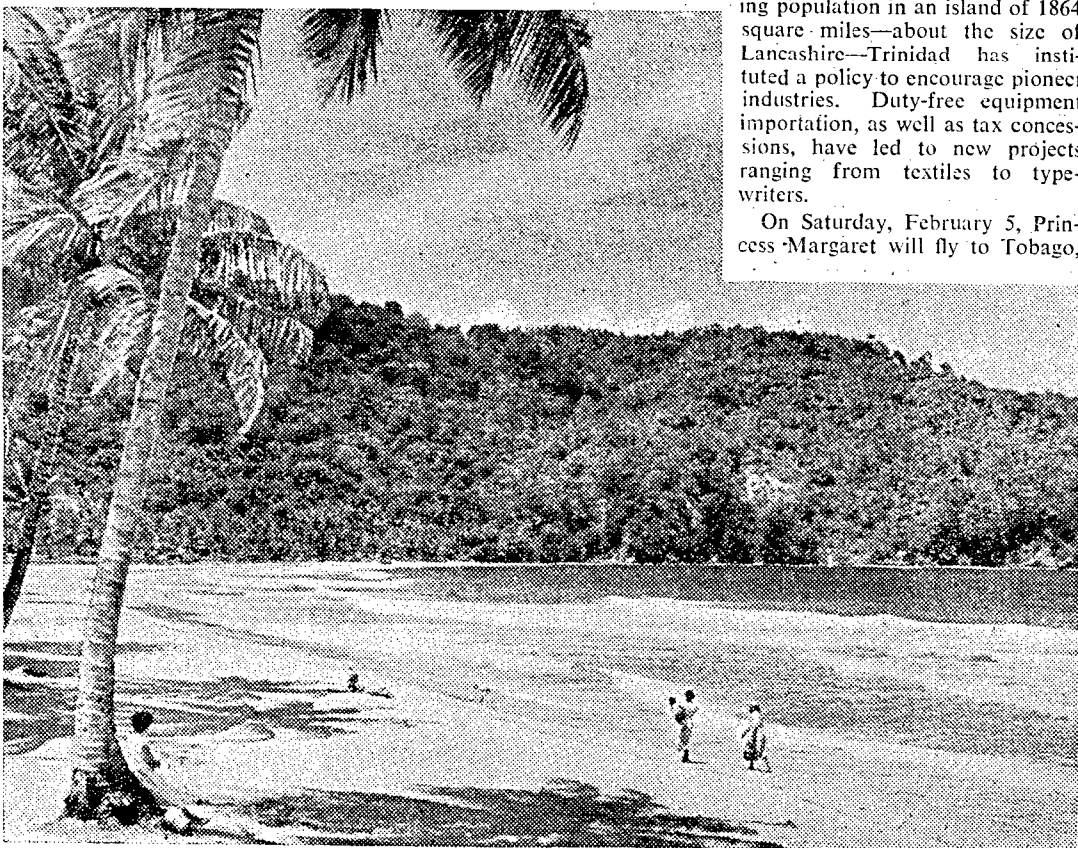


Mighty Skipper, a well-known Calypso singer

tion came originally as slaves from Africa. Then, early in the 19th century, thousands came from India as labourers, and you see their descendants still—in the sugar-cane fields, driving taxis, making beautiful silver jewellery.



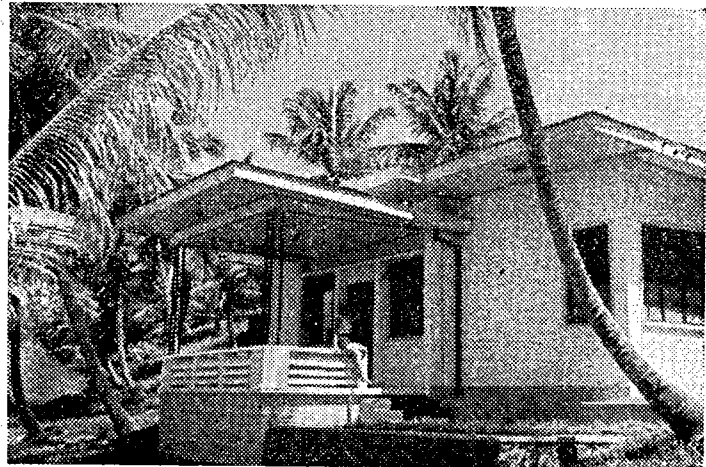
The girl on the left works on her father's coconut plantation in Tobago, the other in one of Trinidad's new textile mills on the outskirts of Port of Spain



There is glorious bathing to be had on the tropic beaches of Trinidad all the year round



Frederick Street, shopping centre of Port of Spain, Trinidad



A bungalow near Scarborough, capital of Tobago



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## TO ERR IS HUMAN

MR. RICHARD NIXON, Vice-President of the United States, recently worked for a short time as a garage attendant in Washington to raise funds for polio victims. It was a publicity effort for a good cause, and he set about it enthusiastically.

When the first car arrived Mr. Nixon, wearing an attendant's uniform, dutifully filled the petrol tank, efficiently wiped the windscreen, and attentively checked the oil level. But in his zeal he forgot to ask for the money.

It is a pleasing story. To err is human, but lesser mortals who are apt to overlook essential details can take comfort in finding themselves in such distinguished company.

## MONEY LITTLES MAKE A MUCKLE

THE people of the little Dumfriesshire town of Lochmaben raised nearly £10,000 to provide a canteen for the nearby sanatorium.

But that was not all. The building contractor worked for nothing, and scores of people went along at weekends to lend a hand without pay. As a result, only the building materials had to be paid for, and thousands of pounds are available for further amenities.

Commander T. D. Galbraith, Joint Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, said at Glasgow that this was a story all Britain should hear about—and copy.

# The Editor's Table

## BAD TIMING

OF all the lesser misfortunes that can befall boy or girl perhaps none is more aggravating than to be ill during the holidays.

This thought is inspired by a reader's story of a boy who received a prize from the Mayor of his town for never having missed school.

"And have you never had measles or whooping cough?" asked the Mayor.

Brightly, the never-absent one replied: "Oh yes, but only in the holidays."

It's an ill wind, however, and this holiday invalid was at least able to establish a school attendance record and win a prize. A praiseworthy record, indeed; but one which few of us would wish to achieve in quite the same way.

## Think on These Things

IN the second chapter of the Book of Genesis we are told that because man disobeyed God he was driven from the Garden of Eden. For his sin he was separated from God.

This is why Jesus came into the world. He came to bring us all back to God. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (St. John 3. 16).

Jesus not only makes it possible for our sins to be forgiven, but shows us the way to do what is right, to serve God and obey His will. O. R. C.

## THE SWIFTS

THE breathless summer day is at an end, A breeze's cool and lovely fingers lie Upon the flowers, while the swifts design An arabesque against the roseleaf sky.

They weave and dive in merry hunt for food [unaware Among poor floating insects Of those dark, clear-cut wings like scimitars [air.

Cutting the glory of the upper From 22 Poems by Odette Tchernine (Guild Press)

## The cost of learning

BRITAIN'S education bill of a little over £1,000,000 a day costs every man, woman, and child in the country 5d. a day, "or the price of a cup of tea and a biscuit."

This was stated in a lecture by Professor A. V. Judges, Professor of the History of Education at London University.

## Village signs—26



The beautiful sign at Arundel, set up to commemorate the Coronation. The lion is from the shield of the Duke of Norfolk, who lives at Arundel Castle. The birds are Sussex martlets, heraldic martins.

## Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, February 7, 1925

THE space required for storing newspapers in the British Museum measured in 1900 over two miles, and this is increasing by 100 yards a year. The Museum has now no more room.

A DAY of fog in London is estimated to have cost the County Council Tramways £4000.

A KIND of glass that will not splinter is said to have been produced in Germany by a chemical process.

## THEY SAY . . .

I SPEAK to you as a mild old gentleman who remembers a time when he, too, was young. How conceited I was! I thought I was the cat's whiskers.

Sir Gerald Kelly, addressing students

THE enjoyment of using words distinguishes the human being sharply from his closest rivals, the very clever animal and the very clever machine.

Dr. J. Macalister Brew

THE choir sang carols at St. James's Hospital on December 22. Up to the time of going to press, no complaints have been made.

Parish leaflet of Holy Trinity Church, Leeds

PLEASE collect SAVAGE within.

Notice for dustmen, chalked on a gate at Salford

## WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c is the correct meaning of the following five words.

- 1 URBANE  
a Empty or silly -  
b Poisonous plant  
c Courteous, elegant, or refined
- 2 PYLON  
a Gateway  
b Kind of serpent  
c Funeral pyre
- 3 PUTTEE  
a Kind of golf club  
b Cement for fixing glass in windows  
c Long strip of cloth wound round the leg
- 4 ADIPOSE  
a Well disposed  
b Fatty  
c Leaning posture
- 5 TRANSOM  
a Two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle  
b Sum of money paid for release  
c Bar of wood or stone over window or door.

Answers on page 12

## Out and About

Is more snow on the way? All that we are sure of is that we never know what to expect more than a day or two ahead.

In towns and cities snow is a nuisance. But in the countryside a white blanket of snow over everything is a wondrous sight. Slides and snowballing are great fun, too, but the snow is also worth looking at more closely if you get the chance.

Every snowflake is a beautiful crystal, and there are hundreds and hundreds of different patterns. But if you catch some crystals on a piece of dark paper they will probably be all alike because they have fallen in the same shower.

The patterns depend on the atmospheric conditions when vapour in the sky condenses in cold air. Each flake then forms itself around a tiny particle of dust. C. D. D.

# Next Week's Birthdays

## February 6

Queen Anne (1665-1714). The fact that she is dead is better remembered than the day of her birth. Nevertheless, this homely but unhappy woman presided over one of the most brilliant periods in England's history.

## February 7

Charles Dickens (1812-1870). In his novels, social historian, and, through them, social reformer. He drew his material largely from his own experience, even his rather shiftless father was used as a model for Mr. Micawber.

## February 8

Jules Verne (1828-1905). French author of what would now be called science fiction. Sub-



marines, aeroplanes, television, and space flight are all foreshadowed in his novels.

## February 9

Lord Burghley (1905). Business man, politician, and athlete. An outstanding hurdler and winner of eight British championships.

## February 10

Samuel Plimsoll (1824-1898). A private Member of Parliament who succeeded in forcing the Government to introduce laws regulating the conditions of service in merchant ships and fixing a limit beyond which they could not be loaded. The marks on ships' sides showing this limit are known as the Plimsoll line.

## February 11

Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931). He took out more than 1000 patents, among them those for an electrical vote recorder, ticker tape, dictaphone and gramophone. Also contributed greatly to the invention of the telephone and the electric lamp. He had only three months' regular schooling and started work as a railroad newsboy at the age of twelve.

## February 12

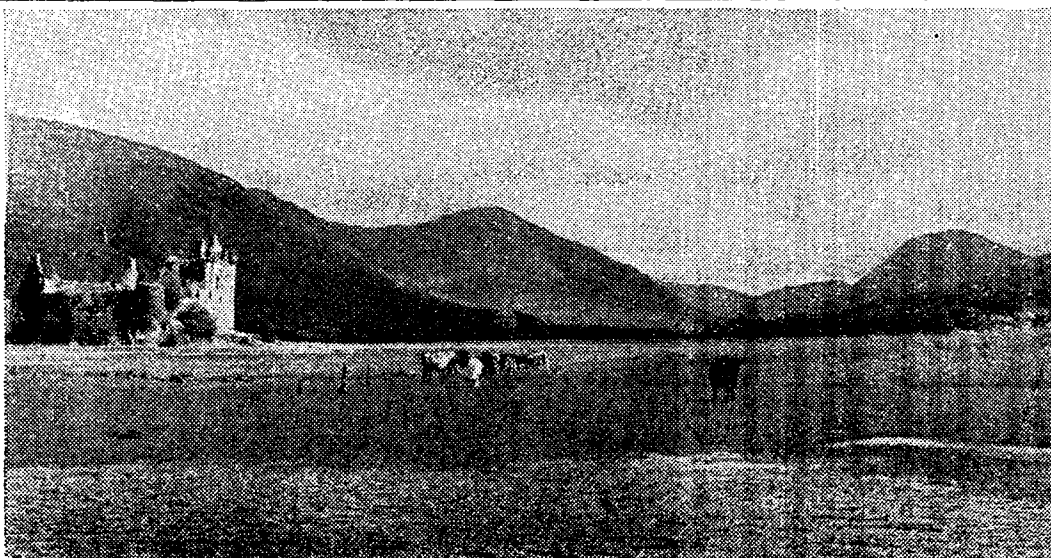
Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865). Sixteenth President of the U.S.A.



and emancipator of the slaves. A life lived "with malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right." (The quotation is from his second Inaugural Address, 1865).

## JUST AN IDEA

As Benjamin Franklin wrote: Diligence is the mother of good luck.



OUR HOMELAND

The ruins of Kilchurn Castle by Loch Awe, Argyllshire



## ANTARCTIC MOUNTAINS DISCOVERED

*The important discovery of a range of ice-free mountains rising to 10,000 feet has been made by three explorers during their dangerous journey into unknown Antarctica. It could be of great importance because the mountains may contain uranium as well as other minerals. The range lies within Australian Antarctic territory which includes nearly two and a half million square miles.*

THE expedition consisted of Mr. Robert Dovers, the officer in charge of the Australian base at Mawson, Dr. Robert Summers, and Mr. Bruce Stinear, a geologist. Mawson is in the part of Antarctica called MacRobertson Land, opposite the southern tip of India.

Things started going wrong at the outset of their venture from Mawson. Their husky dogs were unable to haul the heavy sledge up the first three miles of steep ice, so they decided to use their weasel, or motor sledge.

### PATH OF FLAGS

It would, however, have been dangerous to drive on blindly in this, for the network of crevasses lay ahead. Dog teams went on to find a way through the deep narrow chasms, and the path was marked by hammering flags into the ice.

The weasel travelled onwards for 40 miles, when one of its tracks broke. So the party had to return with a dog sledge to Mawson for a replacement. They came back to the stranded weasel with the spare track, fitted it on with frost-nipped fingers, and were about to get going again when they received a message on their portable radio to say that Dr. Summers was urgently needed at the base. The wireless operator there, Bill Storer, had crushed his wrist in a tractor accident. So back they had to go again to Mawson.

### VAST SHEET OF ICE

At last they were able to make a real start, and after travelling for four days, a range of peaks loomed before them. They were mountains never before seen by human eyes. Next day the dauntless three moved across a vast ice sheet towards the first height, but were held up by crevasses. However, by using a dog sledge, they managed to reach the summit and saw six more peaks, some 50 to 80 miles to the south.

They pushed on to these peaks, climbed to the top of the nearest, and had a magnificent view of the dark rock faces of the others, rising from the ice plateau and stretching away to the south-east as far as they could see.

They radioed the story of their discovery to Mawson, so that the world knew it before they themselves had returned to their base.

The mountains are thought to be one of the major features of the Antarctic continent. A thorough geological survey of them is to be made by the relief party which is on its way to Mawson in the Danish polar ship, Kista Dan, to take over from Mr. Dovers's team.

## Modern Crusoe

A young man, Nikita Astafieff, a White Russian, has recently returned from 14 months' complete isolation on the uninhabited Pacific island of Palmyra, about 1000 miles south-west of Hawaii.

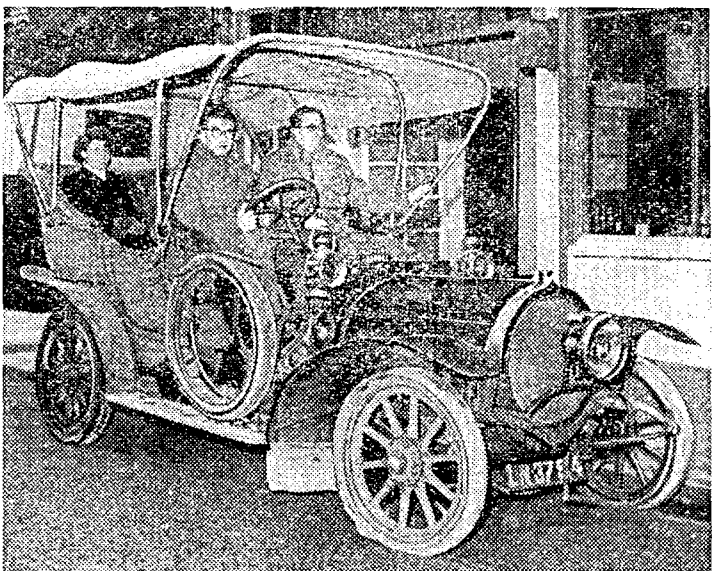
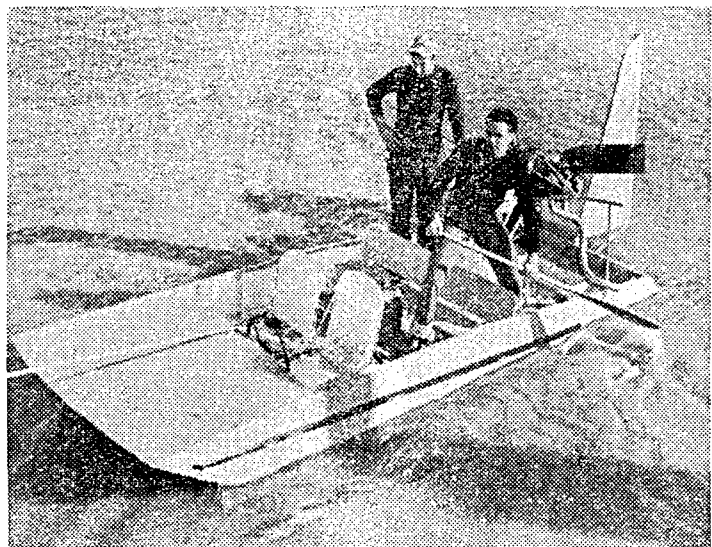
Nikita left England about two years ago with two New Zealanders in the yacht Philante. Their destination was the South Seas.

When they reached Honolulu, Nikita heard about the enchanting but lonely island of Palmyra, belonging to the U.S.A., and asked to be dropped there, on the understanding that his crew-mates would pick him up again. This did not happen; and only a mere chance got Nikita away from Palmyra.

While he was there alone, he lived on fish and coconuts, and had plenty of time in which to think.

Now that this modern Robin Crusoe is back among civilisation, he plans to write and publish a book dealing with the philosophy of life which he acquired during his 14 months of Pacific island loneliness.

## RUSHING down the River RUMBLING down the Road



A young amateur built the speedboat in the top picture. It is seen being tested on the Missouri River near Leavenworth, Kansas. The flat-bottomed hull offers minimum resistance to the water and is driven by a 75 h.p. aero engine and steered by an air rudder. On the other hand, two old-car enthusiasts, from Northfleet, Kent, got just as much fun out of giving a new lease of life to Guinevere, a grandma car built in 1904. She is rated at 24 h.p. and is said to do every bit of 44 miles an hour.

## KNOW WHAT YOU SEE

*The first of a new series of articles on familiar and sometimes unfamiliar objects and landmarks which you may see as you travel in your own countryside.*

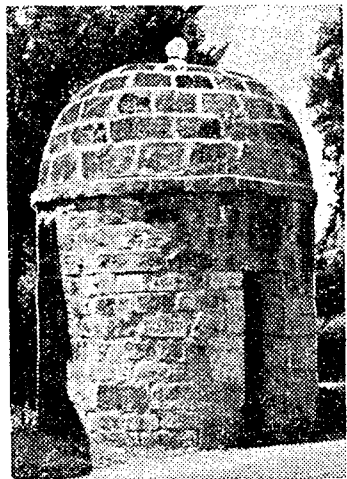
### 1. Wayside Lock-ups

Old-time parish magistrates found that, during fair weeks and on market days, they could not deal fast enough with villagers and

visitors who were brought before them for petty offences. So lock-ups were built for persons awaiting trial or prisoners waiting their turn for public exhibition in the stocks on the village green. These buildings were small, often queer-looking, one-roomed jails known as round-houses, or cages.

Many people pass these by without realising what they were, or are, for there are still many to be seen. They vary in shape according to the whim of the builder. One at Wheatley, Oxfordshire, looks like an enormous ice-cream cone upside down. The little village prison at Shenley, Hertfordshire, has the look of a giant beehive, while the cage at Alton, Staffordshire, is like an outsize in pepperpots.

Usually they bore a warning notice over door or window. The one at Shenley counsels: "Do Well and Fear Not; Be Sober, Be Vigilant, 1810." On the old cage at Swanage appears the information that it was "Erected for the Prevention of Vice and Immorality by the Friends of Religion and Good Order." M. T.



The lock-up at Shrewton, Wilts.

### FROM-TRAIN TO RAIN

Swiss Federal Railways are selling cheap umbrellas to travellers who arrive at their stations when it is raining.

Costing about three shillings, the umbrellas are made of oiled paper and have rough wooden handles.

### TIME TO READ

It takes about 23 hours to read the whole of the New Testament aloud. This information comes from America, where the whole of the New Testament has been recorded on 24 discs by a firm specialising in the making of "talking books."

## CN STAMP ALBUM—A feature of interest to all young collectors (6)



STAMP  
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STORY

THIS DOMINICAN STAMP ISSUED IN 1900 HELPED TO START AN UNOFFICIAL WAR WITH HAITI WHICH LASTED FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS. IT DEPICTED THE ISLAND OF HISPANIOLA WITH THE DOMINICAN BORDER EXTENDING INTO TERRITORY CLAIMED BY HAITI.



HAVE YOU  
NOTICED  
THE  
DIFFERENCE  
?



THE FRENCH 10c RED IS ONE OF THE COMMONEST STAMPS IN THE WORLD. BUT THERE ARE TWO DISTINCT DESIGNS. THE FIRST ONE, ISSUED IN 1906, SHOWED THE SOWER WITH GROUND BENEATH HER FEET. IN THE ISSUE OF 1907 THE GROUND IS MISSING. The 10c is the only value with this distinction



AUSTRALIA  
LOOKS  
AHEAD!

THE COMMONWEALTH IS SO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT OLYMPIC GAMES THAT SHE HAS ALREADY ISSUED AN OLYMPIC STAMP. THIS WAS ON SALE FOR ONLY A MONTH, SO IT IS LIKELY TO BE SCARCE.



? PUZZLE  
CORNER ?

This stamp comes from LITHUANIA, RUSSIA OR POLAND? Answer next week  
Answer to last week's puzzle BULGARIA



## BOSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL IS 400

Boston Grammar School, in Lincolnshire, has celebrated the fourth centenary of its Royal Charter, granted by Mary Tudor and her husband, Philip, in January 1555.

In 1567 the Corporation decided that there should be "a new scholhouse erected in the Hall-garth." This, now the Big School, was unaltered till the middle of last century, and in its grounds the "Beast Mart" (cattle market) of the old fair is still proclaimed by ancient custom on December 10 each year. The modern buildings date from 1926.

By 1825, there were boarders as well as day boys and that year's prospectus mentions that boys may not go into the town without particular leave, and "the headmaster walks out with the boarders when the weather is fine."

### NO PUPILS

But by 1850 the school declined so much that there were no boys left and the headmaster was retired on a pension. But improvement followed with the appointment of a new Head and by 1871 a trustees' examiner issued an excellent report including the judgement that the French at the school was much better "than amongst boys of the same age at the great public schools."

An interesting feature of the school's history is the provision of a library whose beginnings can be traced to the end of the 16th century with the purchase of a dictionary "for the scollers of the Fred Scoole." It was ordered that this precious volume be "... tied to a chain on a desk in the scoole."

### PATIENTS ON THE PHONE

A bedside telephone service has been introduced into the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, so that patients can telephone their relatives. The instrument has a portable "Button A" coin-box built into a trolley, which can be wheeled about the ward.

## Sporting Flashbacks



## VISIT TO THE WORLD'S SMALLEST PEOPLE

A young Oxford graduate lately back from Africa has told a happy tale of his adventures with the smallest people in the world, the pygmies.

They live in the vast Ituri Forest, in the heart of the Belgian Congo, where they hunt elephant with their little spears. Many travellers of recent years have visited them, but Colin Turnbull is the first traveller to bring back records of their music.

He lectured about them recently at the Royal Anthropological Institute in London, illustrating his talk with lantern slides and gramophone records. But before the lecture he talked to the CN about his charming little hosts and their way of life.

### TO PIERCE THE FOG

The Borough of Camberwell is experimenting with a new type of fog-lamp, similar to a car head-lamp, at road junctions. It has been specially designed and is being mounted 12 feet above the road at 26 junctions.

Known as the "Camberwell Lamp" it gives an intense yellow beam and costs only one third as much as other types being used.

Mr. Turnbull first visited these interesting little people three years ago, and stayed with them three months. Last year, in the summer, he paid them a second visit with a friend from Canada, stayed five months, having driven southwards to Central Africa through the Sahara.

"They were so friendly and hospitable to us," he said. "They have to know you, of course, if they are to like you, for they are very shy. But they are never hostile, even before they have made friends."

"Most of them average no more than four feet six inches in height, but they are intrepid hunters. And this is very nice indeed for the Bantu negro masters to whom they attach themselves. Not that they are slaves, or that the Bantu treat them harshly. It is just a custom of friendly mutual service."

The Bantu supply rice and bananas to the pygmies in return for meat and occasional small amounts of ivory.

And how do these pygmies live? Very comfortably indeed, says Mr. Turnbull.

"They are nomads, moving on through the forest about every

month, and building new huts made from twigs and leaves and roofed with the stout round mon-gongo leaf.

"There is all the food they want growing wild in the mighty forest: fruits and vegetables of many toothsome kinds; edible roots like the itaba, a kind of forest arrowroot or manioc; plenty of excellent mushrooms; and for two months in the year, wild honey, which they eat at once, never storing any of it away. For meat, they hunt the antelope.

"They laugh and sing, and enjoy life immensely, in the same way as they have done for centuries. And their traditional song-music is far in advance of much of the music of Africa."

### NEW CONWAY BRIDGE

Work will start soon on the new Chester-Bangor road bridge over the River Conway. The present bridge, built by Thomas Telford in 1826, can only be used by single line traffic with a speed limit of five m.p.h.

The new bridge, about 60 yards downstream from the old one, will have a span of 310 feet and a width of 31½ feet.

## SALVATION NAVY

Everyone knows the Salvation Army, but comparatively few have even heard of the Salvation Navy, whose work is described in the S. A. 1955 Year Book (3s. 9d.).

Its first vessel was the steam yacht Iole, given to the Founder in 1886; meetings were held on board for congregations assembled on piers and beaches. But perhaps the most distinguished among this small fleet was the Norwegian, Katarina. Chiefly used for evangelistic purposes, it also served as a lifeboat and saved about 1000 lives in 24 years.

### CINEMA BARGE

Among present-day craft a unique one is the barge built of reinforced concrete and moored on the Seine at Paris as a shelter for homeless men. It has 75 beds, but in winter often accommodates 200 men. On England's canals and rivers is the barge Salvo, which has its own hall and cinema, and does grand work among barge folk.

A deep-sea vessel with a famous name is the William Booth, a motor-boat which runs on errands of mercy in Alaskan waters, serving a population of 40,000 along 1000 miles of treacherous coast.

Denmark, Sweden, and Holland also have their S. N. vessels, and there are other parts of the world, too, where these marine Salvationists work tirelessly and selflessly for all who live afloat.

## TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS IN THE AIR

During a series of shuttle trips between North Africa and Britain an American 17-ton Boeing Strato-jet, with a crew of four, remained airborne for 47 hours 35 minutes.

This gruelling flight, which establishes a new duration record for heavier-than-air machinery, was made possible by British developments in refuelling.

The flight was made to study the range possibilities of the plane and problems concerning crew fatigue.

## THE INVISIBLE MAN—new picture-version of H. G. Wells's scientific fantasy (3)



The local policeman and a crowd went to the inn to arrest the "headless man" for the Vicarage burglary. In bewilderment they saw his garments leaving him of their own accord. There was only the shirt left when they tried to grab him. The gesticulating shirt whirled round the room, its pursuers trying to clutch it. "I've got him!" shouted a man, then fell backwards, holding a limp, empty shirt in his hand.



Utter confusion and a babel of noise followed. Men were pushed by invisible hands, hit by an invisible fist. They grabbed at empty air, accidentally punched their neighbours, fell over one another. Something came out of space and hit the policeman on the nose. He swung his truncheon at it and hit his friend Teddy Henfrey. Then the door opened, and outside a woman screamed as something pushed past her. The crowd rushed out, but in the village street all was quiet.



Later, a tramp, Thomas Marvel, was sitting at the roadside near the village, talking aloud to himself when a voice behind him joined in. He looked round. The road was empty but the voice continued: "I'm clean off my chump!" said Marvel. "It's the drink!" The voice replied: "Neither one thing nor the other. Now listen to me..."



The tramp was terrified out of his wits. "You think I'm just imagination?" the voice went on. "What else can you be?" gasped Marvel. "Very well," threatened the voice, "I'm going to throw flints at you till you think differently." To Marvel's horror, stones leapt up from the roadside and hurtled at him. "It's very simple," said the voice, "I'm invisible. But I'm an outcast like you, and I need your help."

How will Thomas fare with his new unseen master? See next week's instalment



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Follow the fortunes of the Radio schoolboy

# OUR FRIEND JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings and Darbishire give away some foreign stamps which they obtain on approval, under the impression that they are a free gift. Mr. Carter points out that if the boys cannot afford to pay for the stamps they will have to be sent back to the firm of philatelists.

## 7. Lucky find

It was not until later the following morning that Jennings and Darbishire were able to set about the task of recovering the foreign stamps which they had so generously given away. In theory, this work of salvage should have been easy: in practice, it bristled with snags of every description.

"I vote we split up," Jennings suggested to his friend as they hurried out of the classroom. "You go outside on the quad and get hold of any chaps who were hanging round my desk when we dished the approvals out. I'll do the same indoors."

So saying, Jennings trotted downstairs to the tuck-box room where he found Atkinson staving off the pangs of hunger with a slab of milk chocolate.

"Listen, Atki, there's been a bit of a bish over those stamps I gave you yesterday," Jennings began. "I'm afraid you'll have to give them back again."

## Shocked surprise

Atkinson's jaws, which had opened to receive a piece of milk chocolate, remained ajar in shocked surprise. "But that's crazy, Jen! You said we could keep them," he protested.

"Yes, I know I did, but that was before I read the letter explaining the rules."

"Well, you're going to be unlucky. I haven't got them any more," Atkinson replied. "I swapped them with Venables for this hunk of milk chocolate."

Jennings was horrified by this confession of selfishness. "Well, I like the cheek of that!" he fumed. "I made you a present of those stamps, specially for your collection. I didn't say you could

set up in business and make a profit out of them."

"Well, if you gave them to me for my collection you've no right to ask for them back, so I like your cheek, too!" Atkinson defended himself. He popped the last square of chocolate into his mouth and licked his sticky fingers. "If you'd come along sooner I might have given you a bit of the chocolate instead, but I'm afraid it's all gone now."

Venables, when approached, was equally unhelpful. "You can't expect me to give the stamps back, now Atkinson's eaten the choco-



"I swapped the stamps with Venables for this chocolate," said Atkinson

late," he reasoned. "Why don't you ask Temple? I seem to remember that he had a fistful."

"No, I didn't," said Temple, who had been following the argument with keen interest. "I only got a few, and I swapped those with Blotwell for a busted pen-knife."

Jennings heaved a sigh of exasperation. "I'd better go and find Blotwell then."

"That won't help much, either," Temple prattled on. "He only wanted them so he could do a swap with Binns minor for a tennis ball. And what's more, I happen to know Binns was hoping to change them with Bromwich for half a bottle of green ink."

## WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

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"This is hopeless," Jennings groaned. "They may have gone all round the school by this time. What on earth am I going to do?"

Temple brought his brain to bear on the problem and did his best to suggest a solution. He was quite willing, he explained, to part with the broken penknife he had received in exchange, provided that Blotwell, in his turn, would give him the tennis ball he had obtained from Binns minor.

This, of course, would depend upon Blotwell being able to persuade Binns to part with the half bottle of green ink formerly owned by Bromwich major; and this was extremely doubtful because the other half of the green ink was the property of Thompson, who had already promised to barter it for a screw-driver owned by Venables!

## Same old trouble

By this time the whereabouts of the stamps had become obscured in a welter of argument about bottles of ink and screw-drivers, so there seemed little point in prolonging the discussion. Perhaps Darbishire had had better luck, Jennings thought; and with this hope in mind he hurried out of the tuck-box room in search of his friend.

Darbishire was coming in from the quad when Jennings found him. "How have you been getting on, Darbi?" he inquired.

A troubled look clouded Darbishire's features and his forehead was creased in a frown.

"Not too well, Jen. I don't seem able to get on the track of them at all," he confessed. "For instance, Rumbelow told me that he had some yesterday, but unfortunately he swapped them for an old torch battery."

Jennings groaned. The same old trouble kept dogging their footsteps whichever way they turned.

"Mind you, he very decently said we could have the battery instead," Darbishire went on. "But only if the chap he swapped it with would give him back..."

## Sensational discovery

"All right, all right! I've just been through all that caper with Temple, and it doesn't work," Jennings broke in curtly. "Besides, what would S. and S. Boddington think if we sent them busted pen-knives and old batteries instead of their precious approval sheet! There's only one thing for it, Darbi; we'll have to press on with the search, and pretty wizard quickly, too."

But all their efforts came to naught and it was not until the hobbies hour, shortly before bedtime, that their fortunes took a turn for the better... For it was then that Jennings made his sensational discovery.

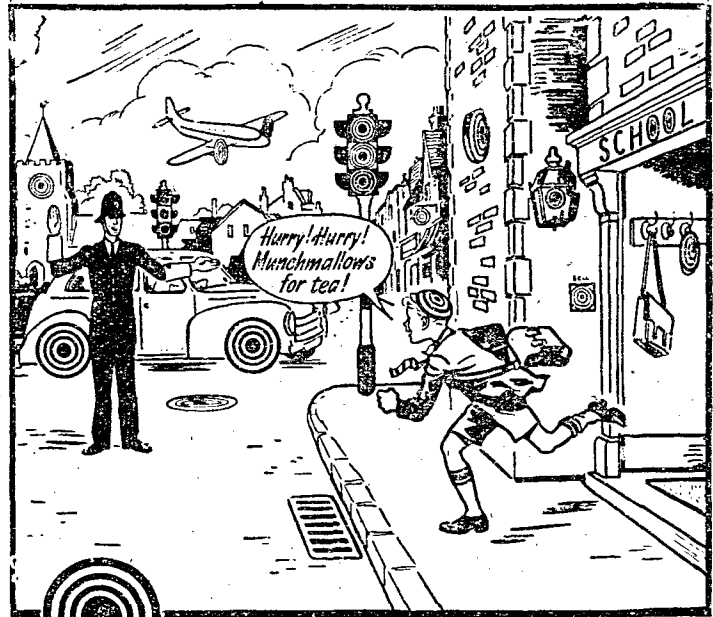
Mr. Wilkins was on duty that evening. In his usual brisk manner he strode round the building, determined to make sure that all the boys were busily engaged in worthwhile occupations.

When he reached Form Three classroom he found Bromwich major, brush in hand, trying out the colours of a new paint box which he had just received in a parcel from home.

Mr. Wilkins nodded his approval

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## Where are the Munchmallows hidden?

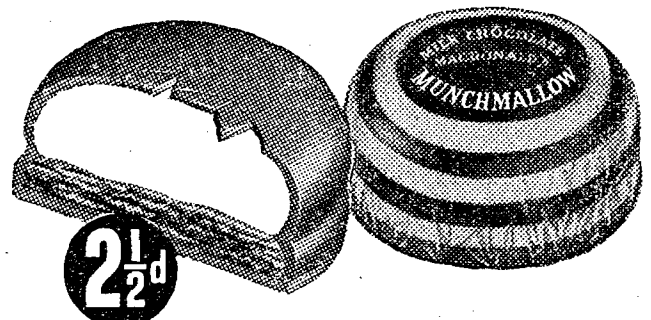


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A service of this kind, operated by Fisons Pest Control Limited, celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. It began in 1945 with a machine of the original Sikorsky R.4 type. Since then it has been fighting those evil allies, weeds and insect pests.

As for weeds, the experts tell us that a single acre of land can contain 160 million of their seeds.

The other enemy, insects, are said to destroy enough food for 200 million people every year, and this at a time when the world's population is increasing and the need to produce more food is becoming a vital problem.

The defenders of the crops, flying over lonely areas of Kenya and the Sudan, have met swarms of locusts with aerial curtains of poison spray, and in one attack are known to have destroyed more than 50 million of these devouring insects. The pilots have sprayed cotton in the Sudan and tobacco in Rhodesia.

To provide them with ammunition, Fisons have built at Harston, near Cambridge, what is believed

to be the biggest installation in the world for manufacturing hormone weedkillers; and at Chesterford in Essex, the firm's entomologists and biologists deliberately cultivate a variety of weeds and insects to study how best to destroy them on a large scale.

But aircraft are used on the constructive as well as the destructive side of agriculture. A quarter of the fertiliser used in New Zealand is now spread from low-flying planes, mostly Tiger Moths.

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## OUR FRIEND JENNINGS

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of this devotion to art, passed on to the tuck-box room, where he found Jennings and Darbshire perched on the hot pipes.

"Come along now! What are you boys doing here?" he demanded.

"Collecting foreign stamps, sir."

The duty master glanced round the room. "I see no stamps," he observed tartly.

"No, that's just the trouble, sir," Jennings explained. "They're jolly difficult to collect when you can't find out where they've all got to, sir."

It seemed to Mr. Wilkins that the hour of leisure was being wasted to no good purpose. "Off you go to the common-room and find something to do, or I'll set you some work to keep you out of mischief."

### Valueless stamps

This was something to be avoided at all costs, so the boys hurried out of the tuck-box room and set to work once more upon their thankless task. As they mounted the stairs, Bromwich major emerged from Form Three classroom, bearing a paint brush in one hand and a jam jar of discoloured water in the other.

Jennings hailed the artist—though without much hope. "Hey, Bromo, have you still got any of those stamps, because they've got to go back."

Bromwich nodded. "They're in my desk. You can take them if you like. I'm just going down to change my paint water."

"Coo, thanks, Bromo! Jolly decent of you!"

The contents of Bromwich

major's desk looked as though they had been hastily thrown in with a shovel, and the two boys had some difficulty in picking out the stamps they were seeking.

Soon, however, they had collected more than twenty specimens; but when they began to sort them into some semblance of order, Jennings uttered a wail of dismay.

"Oh, fish-hooks! These haven't come off the appro sheet at all, Darbi, they're just the ones out of the free packet that we were allowed to keep anyway."

### Gloomy confirmation

Darbshire peered at the stamps through ink-splashed spectacles, and nodded in gloomy confirmation. "That's right. Just the usual two-cent Americans and a few Ancient Britons."

"Ancient Britons! Don't be crazy, Darbi; they didn't have stamps in those days!"

"Well, early Queen Victoria's, then," Darbshire amended. "My father told me that in the olden days they used to..."

He broke off as Jennings seized a stamp from the little pile before him and let out a wild yell of triumph and delight.

"Wacko! We're saved, Darbi, we're saved! What do you think I've found?"

Darbshire looked blank. "I haven't a clue."

"I've found a Queen Victoria Penny Black—one of the rarest stamps you can have! Gosh, I bet S. and S. Boddington didn't know that they'd put a priceless specimen like this in their free packet by mistake!"

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# SPORTS SHORTS

NEXT Tuesday England will meet Scotland under floodlights on the Clyde football ground. This will not be the big annual Soccer international, but a special match between the Under-23 teams of the two countries—the first meeting of the “junior” teams.

WE may see a new sport on speedway tracks this summer—midget car racing, which has become very popular in New Zealand. The tiny cars are powered by only 250 c.c. engines, but high speeds are attained. Some of the leading speedway riders, who have spent the winter “Down Under,” propose bringing midget cars back with them to this country.

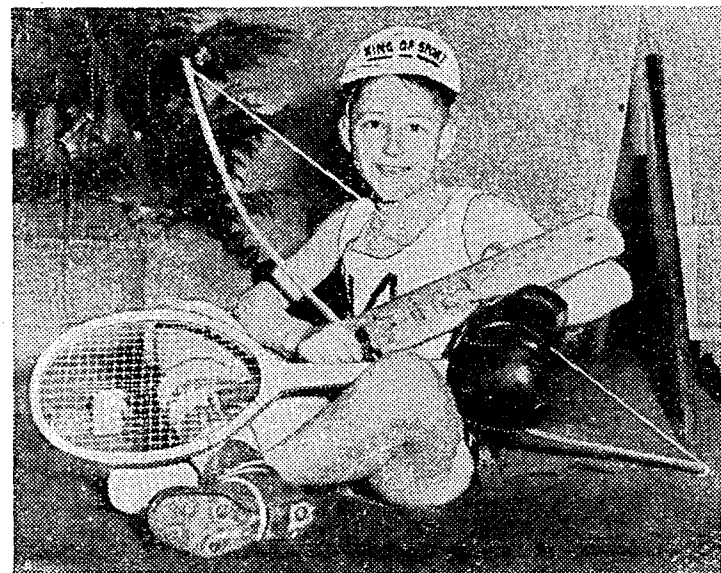
JENIFER GIDWELL, 17, of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, is the new British junior squash rackets champion. In the recent final she beat the holder, Ann Mitham, of Surrey. Jennifer also took the under-18 title, winning both championships within two hours.



Jennifer Gidwell

THE Lady Reed Trophy for the best British field events performance during 1954, has been awarded by the Women's A.A.A. to 20-year-old student Ann Collins, of the London Olympiades A.C. Last summer Ann put up several fine javelin performances, her best being a throw of 140 feet 7 inches in the floodlit match between London and Moscow.

SHIRLEY JONES, 19-year-old Welsh table tennis star who won the ladies' singles, ladies' doubles, and mixed doubles titles at the Metropolitan championships in London, has been chosen Sportswoman of the Year by her home town of Llanelly. Thousands of Welsh people saw Shirley winning the women's doubles, for the game was televised.



## The all-rounder

Eleven-year-old Terry Shepherd in his costume as “King of Sport” which he wore at the 5th Sutton (Surrey) Wolf Cubs' Fancy Dress Party. Terry is captain of a local junior football team, and has won swimming and diving events.

JACKIE MEKLER, the Johannesburg long-distance runner, will shortly arrive in England to compete in the major events during the coming athletics season. He has already joined the Blackheath Harriers club, where he will meet an old rival in Derek Reynolds, our native record-holder over distances of 40 and 50 miles. Just before he left South Africa Mekler broke the unofficial world 30-mile record with a time of 2 hours 57 minutes 48 seconds.

HEATHER ARMITAGE, the young Lincolnshire and English international runner, is now P.T. coach at the Sir Robert Pattinson School, at North Hykeham, near Lincoln. She is determined to beat her best time of 10.9 seconds for the 100 yards and gain a place in the team to represent England in the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne.

THE boys of the Avenue Secondary School, Camberwell, in South London, will be striving this season for a new inter-House football trophy—an old football boot filled with plaster of paris and painted gold!

REX BOOKER, 21-year-old Newbury runner who is the 1955 Berkshire cross-country champion, is modelling his running style on that of Gordon Pirie, even to the extent of covering about 100 miles a week in training.

ASKED to identify certain famous people by other names, the children of a Leeds school could name most of them, such as The Young Pretender, The Lady with the Lamp, and so on. But in identifying The Welsh Wizard most of the boys chose John Charles, the Leeds United Soccer international, or B. Lewis Jones, the Welsh Rugby star. Few gave the correct answer of David Lloyd George.

BILL MILHALO, of Hollywood, has set up a new world two-mile walking record of 12 minutes 41 seconds, beating the previous record by 33 seconds.

## Loosening up



At the L.T.A. Winter Training School near Henley, Nyda Machin, 15, and Michael Harvey, 14, take time off from the courts for some muscle-loosening leap-frog.

AT Murrayfield next Saturday, Scotland will meet the Welsh XV in a Rugby Union international. 58 previous matches have taken place between the two countries, of which Wales have won 30, and Scotland 26, with two draws.

ON Friday Oxford and Cambridge will contest their annual inter-Varsity ice hockey match at Richmond. Five of the Light Blues team learned their ice hockey in Toronto before crossing the Atlantic.

ENGLAND water polo international Terry Miller gained a new honour in another sport recently when he won his Rugby cap for Surrey.

## STAMP NEWS

JULES VERNE, who died 50 years ago, is to be honoured by a stamp in France and a set of 12 in Monaco. The set will be in all shapes and sizes, including trapezoid and diamond. They will picture scenes from his books.

CUBA has issued a stamp to popularise the Boy Scout movement.

AN Eskimo trapper at work in the Arctic is to be depicted on a new Canadian stamp.

FRANCE has announced her intention of issuing 38 new stamps this year.

## PORTABLE RADIO WON

Congratulations to Joyce Pratt of Tinsill Lane, Cookridge, Leeds, whose entry in CN Competition No. 19 wins her the Vidor Portable Radio offered as first prize. Consolation prizes of Propelling Pencils go to: Elsie Berry, Ipswich; Howard Cowles, Wolverhampton; Margarita Davidson, Huntly; Jacqueline Herbert, Brecon; Suzanne Maiden, Stockport; Carolyn Twigg, Stoke-on-Trent; Helen Watkins, Stockport; Keith Whaley, Great Yarmouth; Peter Wells, Birmingham; and Joyce Westby, Chilwell.

SOLUTION: Objects beginning with the letter “S” were: *Sleigh, Saw, Satchel, Saddle, Star, Sieve, Spanner, Snake, Sack, Spear, Shell, Spring, Scooter, Skate, Shoes, Socks, Steps, Shirt, Sash, Scarf, etc.*

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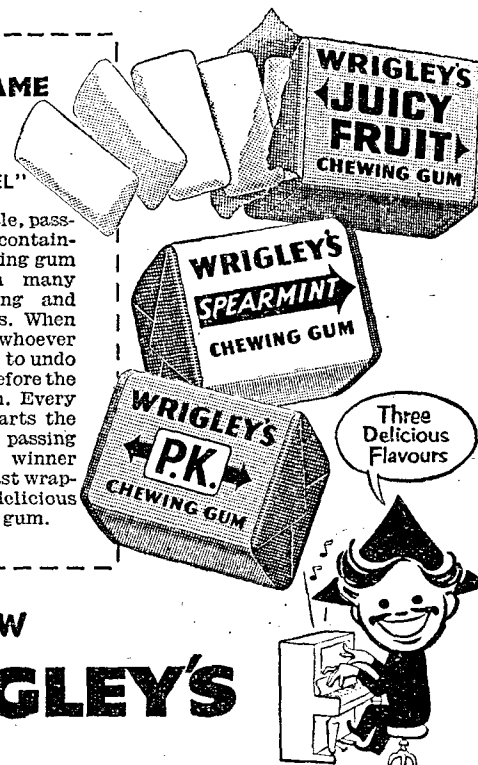
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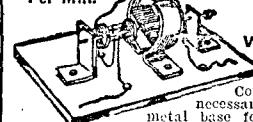
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Colin Johnson, N. Baddesley, Southampton, Hants. Harold Medhurst, Byfleet, Surrey.

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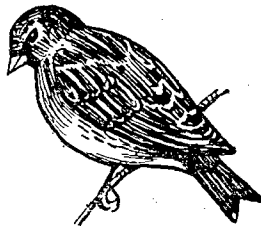
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### HURT FEELINGS

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### SPOT THE . . .

LESSER REDPOLL as he flutters about the alders by the water's edge. He is the smallest of our British finches. Distinctive features are the ridged, reddish-brown back, black chin, crimson forehead, rose-pink breast, and buff wing-band. Females are of similar appearance, except that they lack the pink breast.



During winter these pretty little birds may be seen in flocks, flitting among the willows and alders bordering a quiet stream or lake.

Local names for the Lesser Redpoll are Jitty, Grey Bob, and Chivvy.

### WHY . . .

. . . are soldiers always tired during the month of April?

*Because they have just come from a 31-day March.*

## BEDTIME TALE

### THE NEW NOAH'S ARK

It had been raining hard all day, and by dusk the river was swirling along bank-high. The punts at the boating station were tugging at their moorings, and the water vole, crouching on the bank because his home tunnel was flooded, said: "I don't like this."

Neither did the brown rat who had been chasing water voles; neither did the fox who had been hunting rats; and neither did the foxhound. "I'll never be able to swim that river," he said.

But all at once he was swimming. For just then the river burst its banks, and rushed far and wide over the countryside.

The fox, and the rat, and the water vole, too, were caught in the floods, and had to begin swimming, too.

The water vole tired first. He was thinking: "Shall I ever reach land?" when something joggled his shoulder. It was a punt, broken from its moorings. Thankfully he scrambled aboard, and curled up, and went to sleep.



Presently another creature climbed in over the side. Then he curled up and went to sleep. So did a third. And then a fourth. And on they all floated, sleeping safely till dawn, when the punt came to rest alongside dry land.

The water vole woke first and looked beside him. "Goodness, a rat!" he squeaked, and scampered ashore and away.

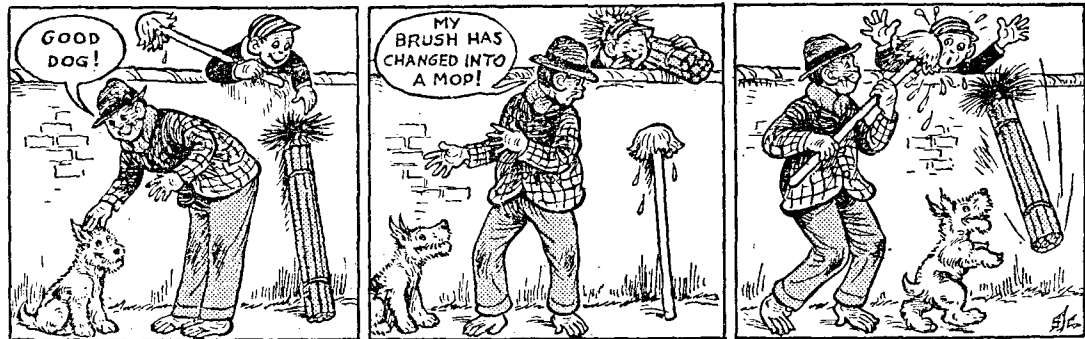
The rat woke next and looked beside him. "Goodness, a fox!" he squealed, and scampered ashore and away.

Then the fox woke and looked beside him. "Goodness, a hound!" he

cried, and scampered ashore and away.

Presently, with a yawn, the foxhound woke, too. "That's funny," he said. "I'm sure I smelt a fox, and a rat, and a water vole here all night. Yet nobody pounced on anybody. I guess we were all too scared of the floods to be scared of one another." And he went ashore, too. JANE THORNICROFT

## JACKO GETS "MOPPED UP" BY THE CHIMNEY SWEEP



### WHAT A DAY!

MOTHER says her head is aching. She's been in the kitchen baking. Father's back is simply breaking. He's been in the garden raking. Lots of little pills they're taking. And they're stopping me from making. Noises, and their fingers shaking 'Cos they think the baby's waking— Goodness me! I'm simply quaking. Think I'll go outside and play With the boy across the way, Think I'll stay with him all day If his parents say I may— Can't tell why they always say, Their poor heads are turning grey!

### FRUIT CENTRE

INSERT the name of a fruit between these two rows of letters and, reading down, you will get seven three-letter words.

RAUVIBA  
WTNAEGE

*Answer in column 5*

### NONSENSE RHYME

"WHY is it?" the monkey complained with a frown, "Today everything seems to be upside-down."  
"The reason is this," growled the old polar bear, "You will walk on your hands with both feet in the air."

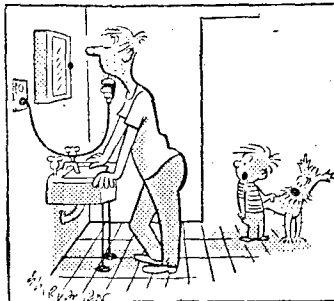
### TWO-MINUTE PUZZLE

CAN you form the name of a well-known C/N feature by filling in the blanks with other letters?

— a c a s o o u c s —

*Answer in column 5*

### BLUNT REPLY



"I used it to clip the dog, why?"

### BRASS FARTHING

THE expression "I don't care a brass farthing" means the utter lack of interest.

It came about when James II issued many coins made of brass, the farthing among them, which were considered to be worth nothing. When people said: "I don't care a brass farthing," they meant that they cared absolutely nothing.

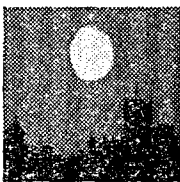
### ALPHABET PUZZLE

The answers to the following clues all begin with the letter Q. The Society of Friends  
A country name for meadow-sweet  
Medieval tilting post  
A kind of ration  
A very famous hunting pack  
A very old game

*Answer in column 5*

### OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Jupiter is in the south-east and Mars is low in the south-west. In the morning Venus is in the south-east and Saturn in the south. Our picture shows the Moon as it will appear at nine o'clock on Thursday evening, February 3.



## DEFINITIONS

Dust is mud with the juice squeezed out.  
Salt is what makes your potatoes nasty when you don't put any on.  
Ice is water that went to sleep in the cold.

### WHAT . . .

. . . is the longest word?  
*Smiles, because there is a mile between the first and last letters*

### LEG PULL

PUFFED a perspiring fellow from Babel:  
"To carve this joint I am unable. They said it was beef. But it's my firm belief That we've roasted the leg of a table."

### TONGUE TWISTER

SAY three times quickly: Wilfred rapidly wearied of the wristy work of white-washing the wall.

### Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Put off. 5 Contains seeds. 8 Eager. 9 Nought. 10 Earn. 12 Consume. 13 Place of worship. 16 Expectations. 17 Flushed. 20 Propeller. 21 Railway-carriage for meals. 24 Always. 25 Clever. 26 Beam. 27 Resolved.

READING DOWN. 1 Water barrier. 2 Level. 3 Coniferous tree. 4 Newspaper chief. 5 Peers. 6 Spoken. 7 Gives excessive fondness. 11 Luke warm. 14 Doctor. 15 Present. 16 Bees collect it. 18 Volcanic overflow. 19 Fair. 22 Often has a bolt. 23 Colour.

*Answer next week*

### GAME FOR DINNER

SAID a golfer who lived up in Troon:

"I always eat peas with a spoon. And when macaroni Is served with poloni, I find that my niblick's a boon!"

### ANSWER TO WORD QUIZ

1e, 2a, 3e, 4b, 5c

### BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Fruit centre. Apricot—raw, apt, urn, via, ice, bog, ate  
Two-minute puzzle. Gateways to success  
Alphabet Puzzle. Quakers, Queen of the Meadows, quintain, quota, Quorn, quoits



# Find the Treasure



"Hullo there! Here I am again—your old friend Sir Kreemy Knut, with another puzzle for you to have fun with. A maze this time: start where you see me, and try to find your way to the treasure. If you come to any line across your path, you'll have to retrace your steps and try again. What will you find at the end? A lovely Sharps Toffee! What could be more delicious than that?"



## the word for Toffee

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